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On the Death of President Taylor.

He is dead; he is dead; I have heard the cry.
The voice of a nation comes wailing by,
Sad hearts we see, and the mourning tread,
The falling tears, and the drooping head.
Again a stroke from the mighty hand
Of Death has filled with grief our land—
A gleam o'er the hearts of all is spread.
By the dulcet sound, he is dead; he is dead.

He is dead; he is dead; the good and brave—
No mortal hand had the power to save.
No physician's skill, nor healing art,
Could a vestige of hope, or life impart.
The destroyer's hand could not be stayed,
Though the hopes of a nation were on him laid—
On the wings of the wind the cry is sped
To the hearts of all, he is dead; he is dead.

He is dead; he is dead; that hero gray—
Who has stemmed the tide of deadliest fray—
And the common heart with no thoughts of fear,
Nor pause, nor trembled, while danger was near—
And must he now thus tamely yield,
Whose grave should have been the battle field
With the clarion's clang, ringing o'er his head,
His requiem sounding, he is dead; he is dead.

He is dead; he is dead; and again once more,
Must the white house with mourning be shrouded o'er—
And the brave who have fought by the Old
Man's side.

Fatigue and danger together they've shared,
And have won glory, perchance, for his land.
When darkest dangers his comrades
Fought—
Though then he escaped, he is dead; he is dead.

He is dead; he is dead; and never again,
Will the eagle's eye see the battle plain,
His heart is now still, and his workings are o'er,
His spirit has fled to that unknown shore,
Ringing upon that heavenly shore,
To receive the reward for the good and brave.
And many a tear o'er his grave will be shed—
In our hearts he will live, although he is dead.

ALBION, N. Y., July 20, 1850.

CLARA WOODVILLE.

A STORY OF THE REGIMENTS IN
NEW ENGLAND.

(CONTINUED.)

CHAPTER III.

Weeks passed, and Edward Stanley,

no longer able to avoid a work so ungenial

to his heart, went to the war. His

love for Clara had, in the mean time,

become conscious, was declared, and

sincerely returned. Their parting was

ominous and full of sadness. Ominous,

yet both, as they were able, stifled their

forebodings and forced on their looks an

air of composure.

"There is hazard and hardship in this

enterprise," said Edward; "but I shall

surely return—return more worthy of

her who has deigned to accept the poor

offering of my affection. Exertion and

peril, the tools of a soldier and his stirring

life, will do me much service." I shall

return with a stronger nerve and

with a readier will. I will so shake off

these notions of abstraction, and so put

on the prompt character which becomes

a man of action, that my Clara shall no

longer know him whose heart is left

with her, when he comes again." And

with a forced smile, he took a hasty

leave and went on his appointed way.

She, too, attempted to smile, but the

heart of each was excessively sad. As

the door closed, and he was departed,

she gazed after him, as she for a moment

said to herself—"No, we shall never

meet again as we have been! Some-

thing dreadful is before us, we shall not

again be as we have ever been up to this

fatal moment! Farewell, Edward."

And now again weeks passed on.

Deep and anxious was the suspense of

Clara, for all these weeks were barren of

tidings from him she loved. But the

reason of Autumn was not very far ad-

vanced, when her anxiety found another

and nearer object on which to be di-

vided. Her kind mother lay on a bed of

sickness, just tending over the verge of

death. She—she knew that her last

hours had come; yet her soul was un-

usually collected, and she tranquilly bright-

ened of hope tinged the sunset clouds of

her life. For the first time in many

years, Colonel Woodville wept. Floods

of recollection in that dying hour of his

wife rushed through his bosom, and

brought in with their waves the quick

thought and the sensibility of his youth.

"A few words," said Mrs. Woodville,

in her last moments—"A few words

I must speak to my dear Clara alone.

Come to my bedside, my child, for I

shall soon speak no more. Let my

feeble arm, child, about your neck, and

bind your ear to meet my words, that

you may not miss my blessing. You

have been to me in all things, and at all

times, a daughter. Your own mother,

in the last hour of her life, commended

you to my care, and told me all of her

and story that, for your sake, I needed

to know. The peril of your father has

forced silence on all that pertains to him

and his family; and the certainty of

death alone allows and now compels the

disclosure I am about to make. I never

before dared to speak plainly—I could

not—yet, perhaps, you should have

known it, though it is enough to know it

now. You are not an only child. You

have a brother, older than yourself—and

that brother is Edward—"

A horrid convulsion struck the body

of Clara, sudden and powerful as a thun-

derbolt. With a shriek of anguish, she

fell senseless on the floor.

The unhappy maiden, was carried to

her chamber, where she lay apparently

lifeless, for many hours, with none to

watch at her side but the gentle Onina.

This event happened at morning. The

sun slowly advanced, passed the zenith,

moved down the western heaven, van-

ished amid the brilliant sunset of even-

ing twilight arose and entered the

black halls of night, and darkness stalk-

ed sullenly abroad